# TURNED IT DOWN

County Rejects \$15,000 Claim in Only 5 Minutes.

School Board Wanted Back Penalties in Taxes.

## TOO LATE FOR NEW LEVY NOW

Shawnee Says She Has City Account on Hand.

Amount Has Been Collecting in Last 19 Years.

Because the city of Topeka secured udgment against Shawnce county for 127,000 as penalties collected by the county on taxes due the city, the city yeard of education today filed a claim of \$15,103.69 with the county commissioners against the county. The claim was filed by L. M. Penwell and M. C. Bolman, representing the board of ducation.

It took the commission about five ninutes to carry a motion to the ef-lect that the claim be rejected. It was rejected and Mr. Penwell served otice that suit would be brought at time to collect from the county. J. J. Schency represents the board of edu-

The claim runs concurrently with he claim for which the city secured udgment in the district court. It tovers penalties alleged to have been collected by the county on taxes collected for the city board of education during the period from 1895 to 314.

The county commissioners have included in their levy, announced thru the State Journal Tuesday, an item with which to pay one-third of the judgment. The levy has been made and placed in the hands of the county clerk. Fred Nipps, chairman of the board, informed members of the board of education today that the levy will not be recalled nor reopened.

When the school board representatives completed their argument the county attorney was informed that the commissioners had consented to an immediate hearing of the case they were to file—that the case would be filed in the district court immediately, that the county attorney would be expected to file his answer for the commissioners this afternoon and the case heard tomerrow and decided.

Too Late for Levy. Too Late for Levy.

# FREE DELIVDRY Low Prices \$5 Grocery Orders Enable us to give you more for the money than any other grocer in Topeka. TOMATOES—14-Bushel Basket. 40c nice size—solid. Tomatoes—15-Bushel Basket. 40c nice size—solid.

well filled ears; dozen ...... 12c

## 16 lbs. Sugar \$1.00 48-lb. Sack Flour \$1.45 Either of these with \$4 worth of other Groceries.

MEAT DEPARTMENT 

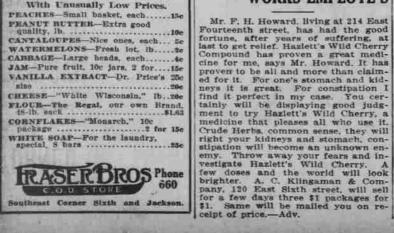
SMOKED HAMS-About 10 lbs. 

SALMON—Tall cans 10e
SALMON—Fancy red, tall can 17e
CODFISH—1-lb, bricks, each 12e
COVE ONSTERS—20c size 14c; 10c
size, 4 for 25e

REGULAR GROCERY ITEMS With Unusually Low Prices, PEACHES—Small basket, each.....15c PEANUT BUTTER—Extra good

CANTALOUPES Nice ones, each ... 50 WATERMELONS-Fresh lot, ib....20 CABBAGE-Large heads, each......4e JAM-Pure fruit, 10c jars, 2 for....15e VANILLA EXTRACT-Dr. Price's 25c

COENFLARES "Monarch," 10c
package 2 for 15c
WHITE SOAP—For the laundry,
special, S bars 25c



## KING OF BEASTS MAKING WALL STREET ZOO BEHAVE



nave \$15,000 more with which to operate and the taxpayers will pay it to the county."

The county commissioners laughed and agreed that Penwell had put the matter forward in its correct light but they insisted that the board of education did not yet have a judgment.

TURKS TAKE TWO CITIES

Constantinople, Aug. 9.—Turkish troops yesterday captured from the Russians the Armenian towns of Bitlis and Mush, it was officially announced today by the Turkish war offile,

Petrograd, Aug. 9.—The war office announced today that the Armenian towns of Bitlis and Mush have been

given up by the Russians, owing to the pressure of the Turks. Obstinate fighting continues in the regions of Mush, Bitlis, Varskon, Rmijsk, Sensk, Khermanghan and Khanazan.

CAPITAL CITY IRON

WORKS EMPLOYE'S

FORTUNE TO

Russians Driven Out of Two Arm Towns.

Scenes attending disaster near Cleveland. Unloading body of a victim in the boat (top); bringing out victims of explosion at water works tunnel; Crib 5, underneath which disaster occurred.

As the result of a natural gas explosion in a water works tunnel 120 feet below the surface of Lake Eric, four miles from Cleveland, twenty-one men are dead and nine are in hospitals suffering from severe injuries. Federal, state and city governments are making an investigation to determine whether anyone was to blame for the disaster.

road show more than two score years ago, she went to the circus this afternoon—reserved seat, peanuts, popcorn, concert and all.

Several days ago this woman, who is employed by a busines firm of this city, saw the advance notices of the circus in the newspapers and they brought back recollections of her first and, until today, only circus. To her friends and fellow workers she told, with all the zest of a 13-year-old child, of the joys and thrills of that performance.

This morning she confided to the manager of the place where she works that she would take care of the office and the boys could go to see the show. Tho she had only once seen such an affair in her life she was content to take care of things and allow the rest of them to go. The manager, who had reached a decision beforehand, informed her that she was going to the circus herself and the boys could take care of themselves.

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So this afternoon, in company with the manager and her little grand-child, she took in all the wonders and delights of a modern circus.

# STOLE YEARS' SAVINGS

Aged Employe of Wolff Packing Company Loses \$215.

Nicholas Spahn, an aged employe of the Wolff Packing company, lost the savings of years, when some one using a flat iron and a butcher knife cut a hole in the top of Spahn's trunk and rymoved \$215. A warrant was issued from the court of Topeka today for Jack Umpleby charging him with the crime. Umpleby has not been located.

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Spahn works for 75 cents a day. He lives with his daughter. Mrs. K. H. Bux, at 1227 North Madison street. He has been keeping his savings and a note for \$500 in a tin box locked in his trunk. Some time Tuesday while Mrs. Bux was away from home the house was entered and the trunk rebbed. The intruder used a flat fron te hammer a butcher kuffe, used as a chiest, through the top of the trunk. A hole large enough to allow the tin box to be lifted out was made.

Spahn is \$2 years of age and works as a doorkeeper at the Wolff Packing house.

# ACCEPTS ARMY BILL

Empowers U. S. to Enlist Miners Without Consent of Parents.

Washington, Aug. 9.— The senate accepted the conferees report on the army bill. The law will empower the United States to enlist into military service boys under 21 without the consent of their parents. The bill, if it becomes law, will permit boys of 15 to enlist in either the regular army or the guard.

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Senator LaFollette today drafted a bill which he says not only will prevent such enlistments, but which will make criminal a misrepresentation by recruiting officers in obtaining enlistments. The president has indicated he would sign the army bill as accepted by the conferees.

## Resent Attack on Them for Not Taking Action.

BUT TOPEKA HAS NO RECOURSE

CITY BOARD ANGRY

Commissioners Say They'll

Join State in Gas Fight.

"Like Innocent Bystander Who Is Shot in Foot"-Mayor.

Until Vulnerable Spot Is Found City Will Lay Low.

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City officials fairly bristled this forenoon over attacks made upon them for
failure to jump head foremost into
the gas controversy. Inferred charges
that they were acquiescing "in the
proposed steal of the gas trust" drew
spirited responses from the board.

Every member of the commission
this morning announced that the city
would heartily join the state in any
action that might bring relief from
the order that boosts gas rates to 50
cents a thousand for the first two
thousand feet of gas consumed each
month and 35 cents for every thousand
thereafter. Any fight, however, must
be handled through the attorney general's office, it was pointed out.

If the state can suggest any action
that has any appearance of offering
relief, all the official machinery of the
city hall stands ready to back up
the movement, Mayor House and
George Hayden, city attorney, announced today. The city, apparently,
however, is absolutely powerless to
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In characteristic style, the mayor today replied to an attack on him published this morning by the paper on which he is employed.

"The Topeka Capital has criticised the mayor and other members of the city commission for inaction in the gas matter," says Mr. House. "In an interview, presumably authentic, given to the newspapers some days ago, Governor Capper, while expressing his indignation, admitted the inability of the state to do anything in the matter. Attorney General Brewster, admitted one of the best and keenest attorneys in Kansas, has told the newspapers that the hands of the authorities are tied and, that so far as he can see, nothing can be done.

"The gas case is in the hands of the federal courts. No state court has any jurisdiction in the matter. The city of Topeka has absolutely no ground upon which to base a legal action. Along with other Kansas cities, the gas franchises of which were riddled by the decision of the federal court, Topeka is in the position of the innocent bystander who has been shot in the foot. It has no recourse. But the intervention of the federal courts in the case affects every other city in the state in which a gas franchise has been issued. That makes it, primarily, the state's business. If the state can find any basis for legal action it can rely upon all of the ussistance the city of Topeka is able to give it.

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"Burden imposed on gas consumers by the increased rates will fall heaviest on those persons who because they must practice economy hold consumption of gas below the 2,000 cubic feet mark," Mr. Hayden pointe dout today. "These people, the least able to stand even the slightest hike in prices often will not have advantage of the 35 cent rate.

"That something should be done for these people as well as every other person affected by the advance no member of the commission questions," says Mr. Hayden. "But the proposition of securing relief is another matter. The city has absolutely no loophole through which to start action. The state, through the governor and attorney general has admitted its helplessness. Any time anyone can point out a place in the order authorizing the raise that isn't absolutely air tight, we're going to be in the midst of the scrap that results. But until of the scrap that results. But until a vulnerable spot is found, we will lay low."

# MANY LEAVE SERVICE

319 Have Been Released From Guard Because of Families.

San Antonio, Aug. 9.—Discharges under the dependent family provision have been granted to 219 men since the federalized state troops were placed on patrol duty along the border, according to figures secured at department headquarters today. Officers said the total did not begin to represent the number of releases of this nature that will be granted. There is a steady flow of applications from men who are desirous of leaving the service on the grounds that they are needed for the support of their families at home.

## Cocoanut Oil Makes A Splendid Shampoo

If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash it with.

contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and is very harmful. Just plain mulsified cocoanut oil (which is pure and entirely greaseless), is much better than the most expensive soap or anything the most expensive soap or anything else you can use for shampooing, as this can't possibly injure the hair. Simply moisten your hair with water and rub it in. One or two teaspoonfuls will make an abundance of rich, creamy later, and cleanses the hair and scalp thoroughly. The lather rinses out easily and removes every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves it fine and silky, bright, fluffy and easy to manage.

age.

You can get mulsified cocoanut oil at most any drug store. It is very cheap, and a few ounces is enough to last everyone in the family for months.

—Advertisement.



MEN OFF TO WAR;

SHE SHOES HORSES